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## Cheer Coach Arraigned in Lewd Acts Against Children

A 55-year-old volunteer youth cheer coach has pleaded not guilty to sexually assaulting five girls he instructed, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Michael Edmond (dob 01/14/64) of Los Angeles entered the plea yesterday after being charged in case TA150158 with seven counts of forcible lewd acts upon a child under the age of 14 and one count of lewd act upon a child under the age of 14.

The criminal complaint also alleges that the victims were under 14 years of age and that the defendant committed a specified offense against more than one victim.

Edmond is scheduled back in court on Oct. 8 in Department 10 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch.

Between June 1 through Sept. 1, Edmond, who coaches cheerleading at Athens Park in Los Angeles, allegedly engaged in lewd acts with each of the victims, who range in age 9 to 12 years old, prosecutors said.

Edmond is being held on \$8.8 million bail. If convicted as charged, he faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.